



\$5.5 million renovation of Gyte underway

The university proceeds with a plan to redesign six chemistry labs in the oldest building on campus

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The first phase of renovations on six chemistry labs on the second floor in the Millard E. Gyte building began at the end of last semester.

Opened in the early 1950s, this \$ 5.5 million renovation project has been proposed for many years and is the first major renovation of Gyte's chemistry labs since 1962. Fred Berglund and Sons, Inc., a construction company from Chesterton, Ind. will be responsible for the renovations.

Wes Lukoshus, the director of university relations, said that the Gyte building "was sorely in need of renovation" and that it was necessary to bring "learning to the 21st century." He said that funding for the project was available but other funds were redirected to fit what the university could afford. The project was authorized approximately a year ago, although some plans had to be scaled back after the original price bids were higher than the university's budget.

Juan Flores, manager of facility, project and planning, and project manager for the Gyte building, explained that there were three phases to the renovations. The first phase of the project, which was started in December 2002, involves renovating three labs in the south side of the Gyte building. This renovation is expected to be finished by the end of this semester, in time for the summer sessions. Renovations of the three labs in the north side of Gyte will start in August and be finished by December of this year. Plans for the final phase of the project, which is slated to run from December 2003 to February 2004, has yet to be determined.

Besides renovations to the labs, Flores said that additional changes in Gyte include new wall coverings in the corridors, sprinklers, utility systems, and a new penthouse on the roof to house mechanical and electrical equipment.

Michael Gealt, the dean of the school of engineering, mathematics and science, said the renovated chemistry labs will contain new

and up to date equipment, be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, and be built around an inquiry-based learning philosophy and team concept to provide opportunities for students to work in teams while instructors can move around and interact with the students. These labs, which are used by nearly 25 chemistry majors and students in the fields of biology, nursing, engineering and technical engineering, will also have computers with connections to the Internet and the Ethernet and contain the latest safety equipment. One of the safety equipment features will be exhaust hoods used to enhance safe use of hazardous chemicals.

"It is our hope that because of the use of facilities that should enhance student-faculty interaction during class that students will be motivated to work with faculty on joint research projects" Gealt said.

Lukoshus said it was important to get the first phase of the renovations finished by May so instruction will not be interrupted.



Jack Emerson from Bertocchi Plumbing welds pipes in the Gyte building, which is being renovated.

Forums benefit students, faculty

Campus community value events discussing the topic of war and related issues

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Campus forums have brought students and faculty together and fostered the exchange of information and ideas over the past 16 months. Subjects of these forums include terrorism, the affects of terrorism, the United States economy and the possible war with Iraq. As the United States braces itself for a war, some students and professors place a continuing value on events that feature discussion of current affairs.

David Detmer, associate professor of philosophy, discussed in October the problems of defining patriotism as a virtue, further defining patriotism as the "love" for one's country.

In this forum Detmer discussed the way in which loyalty and patriotism can turn into a danger when a person fails to address the faults of their country.

In a recent interview, Detmer reflected on the message of this forum.

"Our mass media encourages us to take in information about the great issues of the day passively. Increasingly, the news is presented as entertainment, and always in such a way as to reflect, exclusively. The values and interests of corporate America," Detmer said.

Through the information pre-

sented by the media to the public, PUC has been able to hold forums to allow students and faculty to gather together to discuss the issues.

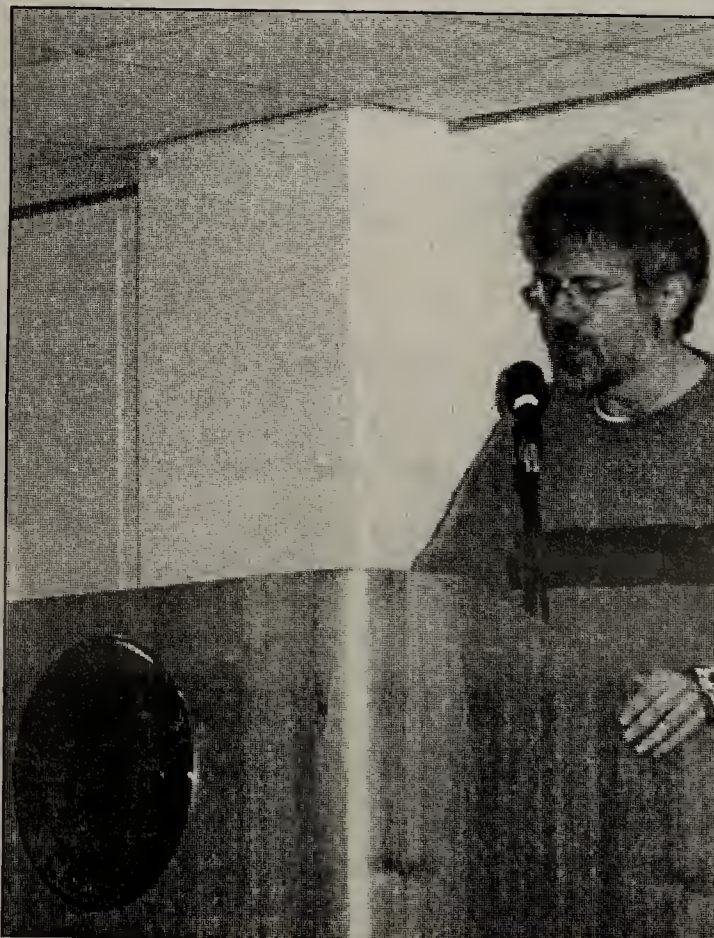
"Forums give students a place to talk with peers and knowledgeable faculty about pressing current issues," said Stephanie Pietrzak, a junior majoring in public relations.

Detmer said, the university is one of the few places left in the American society in which students and faculty members can freely exchange ideas, without regard for ratings and profits.

"Campus forums devoted to issues of contemporary interest can and typically do provide ideas and information not readily encountered elsewhere. This helps all involved, participants and audience alike, to approach these issues from a more informed and thoughtful standpoint that they might have achieved previously," Detmer said.

Forums also allow participants to create a deepening awareness of the topics and encourage people to think for themselves.

Val Martinez, an instructor of history and political science, who has been a participant in three forums in the past said, "I know what is on my mind, and I also know what is on the mind of



David Detmer, associate professor of philosophy discussed "Defining a Just War" last semester during an open forum.

many of my fellow professors, however, through these forums I have been able to better understand what is on the minds of the students at PUC."

These forums have been extremely important to the students because the ideas need to be discussed and answers need to be given, it is important to have open discussion of the topics, Martinez added.

"These forums and topics are also important and affect not only the university life but the whole country. People are affected through the jobs that they are able to receive and through the economy," Martinez said.

Martinez added, the forums have been fascinating because they allow you to go and listen to the viewpoints of others and learn more about what they have to say.

"I think that a forum could be on our government deciding to go to war, which is an important topic to address. It is equally important to see how the students feel about it," stated Sarah Puhek, a junior majoring in visual communication.

Pietrzak added, that since war is such a serious event that affects the entire world, a forum would be a chance to listen and learn about the war.

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TIMELY Financial Aid ADVICE

The What, Who, When, Where, Why and How of the FAFSA

Since February is Financial Aid Awareness Month, many of you have seen announcements throughout campus about the importance of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) so the federal processor receives the form by March 10. In addition, you also have probably heard radio announcements, read newspaper articles and seen TV programs talking about filing for financial aid via the FAFSA form.

Although the FAFSA acronym is widely used, many students do not know the 'Who', 'What', 'When', 'Where', 'Why' and 'How' of this important financial aid form. The following information might serve to answer those questions.

What is the FAFSA?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is the form the federal government uses to determine a student's eligibility for aid. This aid includes grants, work-study, and loans. Students need to provide information on the FAFSA about their/their family's income (if they are dependent) and income taxes from the previous year, assets, family size, and more.

Who should file the FAFSA?

It is recommended that all students complete and file the FAFSA. Even if students do not think they are eligible for financial assistance through the FAFSA, they may be considered for a need-based scholarship. In addition, sometimes filing for federal aid is a prerequisite for receiving private awards.

When should the FAFSA be filed?

Students can file the FAFSA for the 2003-04 academic year now. It is important to note that the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana has established a new deadline date of March 10. Filing the FAFSA so it is received by the federal processor by March 10 is the key to being considered for state and campus-based financial aid in addition to federal aid for the upcoming academic year. Students filing after the March 10 state deadline will be considered only for a Federal Pell grant and/or a Federal Stafford loan.

Students should file every year for financial aid by submitting the FAFSA.

Where can a student obtain a FAFSA?

- ◆ Via the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - The U.S. Department of Education recommends students file via the Web because it allows the federal processor to do a "final check" of the information, which eliminates errors.
 - Filing via the Web moves the FAFSA process along by three to four weeks.
- ◆ At Purdue University Calumet's Office of Financial Aid located in the Enrollment Services Center, LAWSHE 130.
- ◆ At a local library.

Why file the FAFSA?

In order to determine a student's eligibility for federal, state, campus-based, institutional aid, and some scholarships a student must file a FAFSA.

How does it all work?

Using students' FAFSA information, the federal processor determines their expected family contribution (EFC), or the amount of money their family can be expected to contribute to their college costs that aid year. Financial need is determined by subtracting the EFC from the Cost of Attendance.

The school tries to meet students' financial need through a financial aid award made up of funds from federal, state, school and private sources. Unfortunately, a school cannot meet the full financial need for all students.

**Stop by the Enrollment Services Center, LAWSHE 130,
to learn how to file your FAFSA on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
Filing on the web is the recommended way to file for 2003-04.**

Financial aid questions can be addressed to Purdue Calumet's Office of Financial Aid as follows:

- ◆ e-mail us at finaid@calumet.purdue.edu;
- ◆ stop by and speak with a financial aid customer service representative at the Enrollment Services Center, Lawshe 130;
- ◆ visit our web site at www.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid.
- ◆ call us at 219/989-2301.

What's goin' on?

A look around campus

On-Campus Heart Screenings to be given for National Heart Month

In celebration of National Heart Month PUC will be having on-campus blood screening during the month of February. Please watch campus mailboxes for the schedule and information about signing up for this heart-healthy activity. In addition to yearly blood screening, other ways to insure a heart-healthy lifestyle include a balanced diet, regular exercise and reducing risk factors such as controlling your blood pressure, stress levels and weight and quitting smoking.

Health seminars to be held at the PER building

In February there will be free seminars offered through Purdue Calumet Fitness Center. On Thursday, Feb. 13 John Bobalik will give a seminar called "Body Composition: How to measure it and exercises to change it," and on Thursday, Feb. 27 Tina Schmidt-McNulty will give a seminar called "Hello?! This is your body, are you listening to me?" All seminars start at 7 p.m. and are located in PER-129. For more information or to sign up, call the fitness center desk at (219) 989-2175.

Pilates to be offered at Gym

Beginning Feb. 4 at the fitness center. The cost is \$65 or \$50 for PUC students/ members of the fitness center. Classes take place from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. For more information call the fitness center at (219) 989-2175.

Blues Band plays PUC Campus

On Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Oaken Arbor Café, the Center for Career and Leadership Development presents "Southsiders," a local blues band. This is part of the UPS Music Lunch Series and will be

the second of four bands on campus this semester. For information call (219) 989-2369.

Free Counseling Available

Free personal counseling is available through PUC's Praticum Counseling Center. The counseling is administered by advanced graduate students and is supervised by Lisa Hollingsworth, PUC assistant professor of education/counseling psychology. Counseling addresses problems such as depression, anxiety, anger, loneliness, fear, stress, time management and relationship issues. Appointments (for Wednesday afternoons only) and other information can be obtained at (219) 989-2366.

Poetry Reading to be Held on Campus

The campus community is invited to share their poetry and listen to the poetry of others at "Coffee and Verse" on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6:45 p.m. in Founder's Study. Refreshments will be served. Contact Jade Lee at (219) 989-2394 for more information.

Northwestern University professor to discuss nanomaterials

Experimental techniques and devices developed to investigate micro and nano scale objects will be presented by Horacio D. Espinosa, an associate professor in the department of mechanical engineering at Northwestern University. Some of the educational and outreach activities at Northwestern University in the area of Nanotechnology will also be addressed. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13 in the SFLC building. This event is sponsored by the Calumet chapter of ASM International. For more information call (219) 989-2000.

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Pilates classes are offered on campus

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Joseph Pilates spent his childhood reading books on exercising and conditioning. He did this because he suffered from asthma, rickets and rheumatic fever as a kid growing-up in the late 19th century. By the time he died in 1967 at the age of 87, he had invented a new trend in physical fitness, best known as Pilates.

These days Pilates can be found at PUC's Total Fitness Center. Last week, TFC's exer-

cise coordinator Tina Schmidt began the first of 12 class sessions in what has become one of the latest trends in the fitness industry today.

"The class is intended to help individuals learn to gain neural control and strengthen core muscles," Schmidt said.

Schmidt was certified in Pilates last spring and will act as the class instructor for the next few months.

On the first night of class, 13 interested students attended. There was only one male student present. It started with Schmidt

explaining the different muscle groups that the exercise focused on.

To actually start the Pilates workout, there are 20 fundamental exercises one must master. Some of these exercises include laying on one's back with knees up and extending arms in a circular motion, the majority in which involves inhaling and exhaling.

"Going through these exercises, it's a matter of mind over body," Schmidt said.

Originally, Pilates started out as a conditioning for dancers, but it can benefit someone who is try-

ing to get into shape.

"I have always heard of Pilates, for me it's something new," Deborah Thinnies said, who works in PUC's human resources department. "I liked it, there was a lot of stretching, it is different than aerobics."

There is a fee to join the class. The fee ranges from \$50 for TFC members and \$65 for the general public.

Some students decided to take this class just for the experience.

"I was curious about this class because I work out constantly at the fitness center," Jacqueline

Cohen, Schererville native and TFC member, who was one of the 13 in the opening of the class.

Cohen works at staying in shape, besides working out at the TFC, she tap-dances once a week.

"I thought it was excellent, Tina is a great instructor, I just hope it makes my body stronger," Cohen said.

With the Pilates class underway, there is a chance for everyone to get into shape.

"We have great students, they are capable of achieving anything," Schmidt said.

Dance season ends following Homecoming game

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Staff Writer

As another dance season comes to a close, the 13 members of the PUC dance team are reminiscing about what the past season included for them.

Katie Lannon, a junior majoring in public relations and a member of the dance team for two years, said the dance season would end the weekend of Feb. 8 with the boy's basketball team's homecoming game.

"Besides performing at the game we are planning on decorating the gym for the game and also the boy's locker room before the

game," Lannon said.

"My greatest memory of this season has not occurred yet. I know that the night before homecoming is going to be a ton of fun. We stay up really late and decorate for the game," said Kristen Wisniewski, graduate student of communication and dance team captain for the past five years.

Kristin Wisniewski said the team's dance season began in September with tryouts. Several new members were selected who bring a unique group together. The team is evenly divided, having team members ranging from freshmen to graduate students.

This year's team of 13 consisted of two sets of twins, Kristen and Kelly Wisniewski, graduate students, and Hillary and Mallory Bernath, both freshmen.

Lannon said this year the members of the team performed at the boys' basketball team home games, and also at one girls' basketball game this season.

In previous years the team has participated in the Hammond Christmas Parade. Last March several members of the dance team volunteered to work at the Civic Center in Hammond to offer their service at the Sports Hall of Fame dinner, Lannon said.

Many of the PUC dance team members dance together not only at PUC but are also members of the Indiana Dance Force, who won the national championship last year at the Hard Rock Café in Orlando.

Kristen Wisniewski said the team has gone to the Universal Dance Association Camp at Indiana University Bloomington for the past three years, where it won the best team and the best home routine.

"These awards were important to the team because all of the other teams that attend this camp voted and chose us as number one," Kristen Wisniewski said.

"In the future we hope that the team will be able to compete. This year competition has not been possible because of the hectic schedules of the team members."

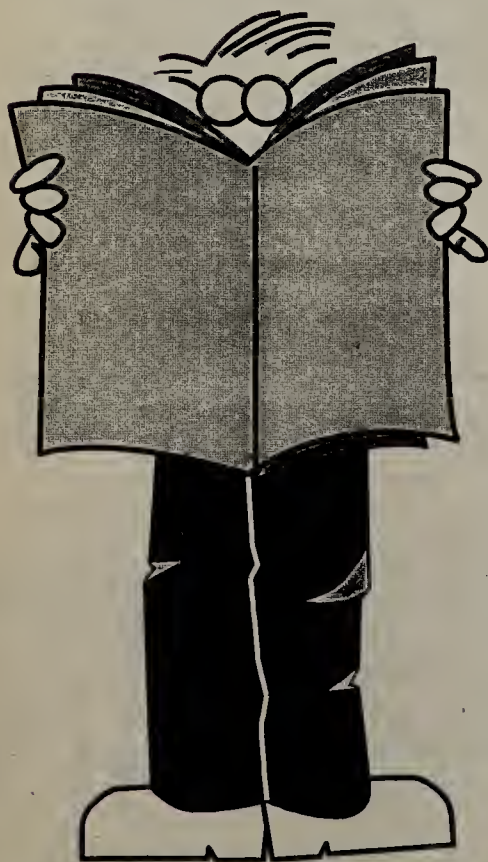
The team is not considered an athletic team. Like a club, it meets based on the schedules of the members.

"The other aspect that we are trying to incorporate into the team is we would like to do more technical things, however this takes a lot more training on the part of the team," said Kristin Wisniewski.

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Students should seek information, answers

Should we go? Will we go? Who presents the most threat to the United States? These questions remind us that the United States is not in the safe zone yet; we are still at war against terrorism. Yet are we able to receive all the information that we would like to know about this war that is looming overseas?

If you haven't thought of an all out war yet, maybe now is the time for you to start. There are many determining factors to this decision, some of which students may not be aware or which have not have been revealed.

There are people out there who do know these factors. These people are currently lobbying on one side of the issue or the other. These people just like many of us here at PUC would just like the opportunity to voice their opinion to a large number of people. More importantly these people want to have their voices heard, and their questions answered.

Many people are left with their questions being unanswered. Many feel they are being left short by the information or the lack of information, which is being received from the media. People feel that only one side of the story is being shown and that not all of the needed information is being openly given.

PUC has held several forums in the past two years discussing the Sept. 11 attacks, and the possibility of a War with Iraq, the topics, which have left thousands of Americans with questions in the back of their minds. The topics of these discussions have been topics of war and its affects on American public.

Several Professors and faculty members from PUC, who have done research on the topic of war, have been the presenters at these forums. Members of the faculty have lead discussions on Sept. 11 attacks, the rhetoric of War and also the War on Iraq.

These forums have left room for information to be openly discussed and given many students the opportunity to voice their own opinions of U.S. recent actions regarding foreign affairs.

An important factor in any war is whether or not America backs the decision. Right now there are many Americans expressing their strong opinions as they picket, lobby and protest all across America. An American citizen has the right to voice their opinion and be heard.

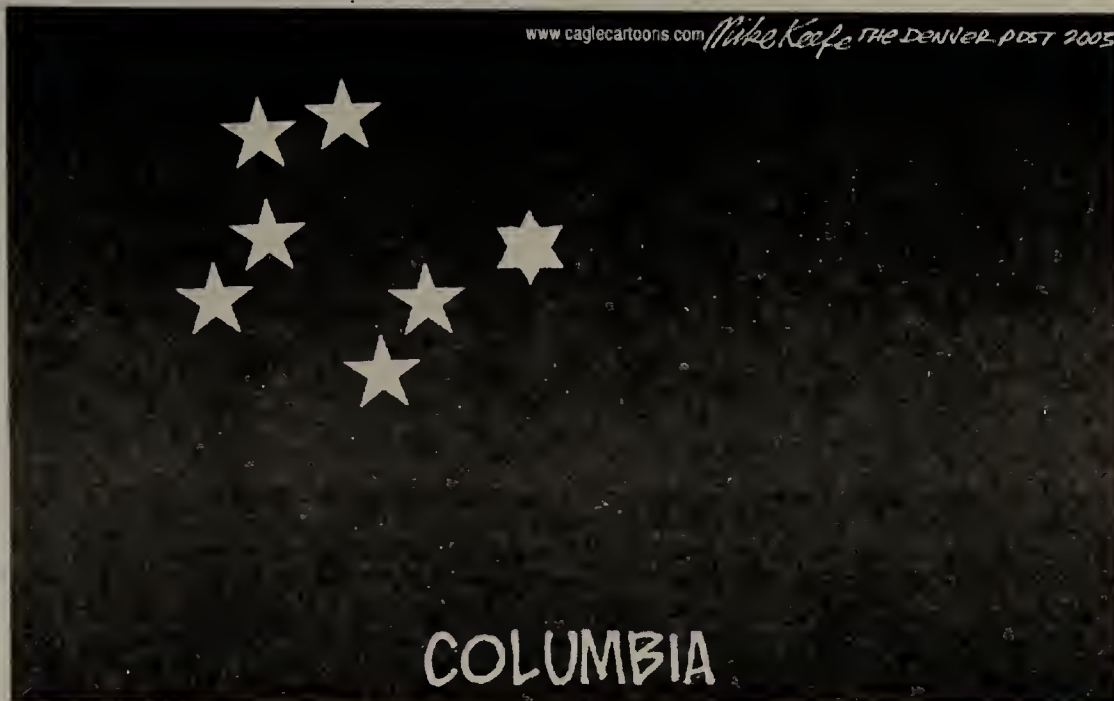
Although PUC students may not picketing, lobbying, or protesting on this campus their voices can still be heard at forums that must continue to be held on campus. Through voicing their opinions during a forum students are able to become a proactive part of our nation's government, show their stand on the issues currently at hand as well as allow others to better understand the issues being addressed.

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Despite Columbia Tragedy, space exploration will go on



FRANK SPRANKLE
Commentary Writer

The seven astronauts that perished on-board the Space Shuttle Columbia gave their lives for America. Just as the case with a man or women serving in uniform, this crew of five men and two women served us with dignity and grace that should always be treasured.

In times of uncertainty, America still continues to stand strong. This nation is the most productive on Earth and NASA is an excellent example as to why. Our space program has given America a chance to show the world what human minds are capable of.

NASA has sent man on missions orbiting and walking on the moon, seeing just how small this planet really is and linking satellite technology.

These missions can be dangerous and challenging. This is only the third mission in which lives have been lost. In January of 1967, the three man crew of Apollo 1 died in a fire on the launch pad during a pre-flight test, which became the start of man's effort to walk on the moon's surface. Of course, the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger was captured on live television in January 28, 1986. Like the Columbia tragedy, a crew of seven would lose their lives including Christa McAuliffe, a grade school teacher.

Despite these two tragedies, NASA would go on to other accomplishments. It would take two and-a-half years before man successfully landed on the moon and two-and-a-half years after The Challenger explosion that the space shuttle resumed.

What happened to the Columbia on Feb. 1, will not be the end of space exploration. The program will continue, even if it takes two or three years. However, safety will be the first priority for NASA as was the case after the two previous tragedies that resulted in loss of lives.

The work that NASA has done shows just how productive America can be, and this country is all about production. There is still a lot that is to be learned about our universe, and this country has the minds and talent to do so.

But maybe most of all, it is important to continue this space program in the memories of Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown, Laurel Clark and Ilan Ramon, the seven of Columbia.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The editorial in the Jan. 27 issue of *The Chronicle* posed the question, "Will the PUC Campus Migrate with the Geese?" The answer is a resounding, "NO!" Purdue University Calumet is committed to staying in Hammond as a comprehensive, full service campus.

As the editorial indicated, we are investing in our Hammond campus with plans to develop student housing at a cost of more than \$16 million. Well underway is a \$5.5 million chemistry improvement project that will result in six new laboratories. We also have before the Indiana General Assembly a proposal to replace the nearly half century-old Gyte annex and replace it with a \$20 million science tower to house biology, nursing and education programs. We have not received state approval for that project, but we would not have prepared such a request were we not committed to strengthening our Hammond presence.

While expanding our educational influence to advance positive change and economic growth is a goal of our Purdue Calumet strategic plan, our expansion plans do not include establishing another Purdue Calumet campus in south Lake County. Although our vision is to consolidate into one location on Purdue Research Foundation land near Merrillville Purdue Calumet courses that are now offered at multi-south Lake County sites, there is no plan to develop a campus there. Instead, when a Purdue Calumet Post-Secondary Learning Center is built there, it will be a feeder facility to our Hammond campus. It will serve as an entry to higher education, offering first- and second-year level courses.

Beyond that, the notion of developing and supporting two campuses, each offering complete degree programs, would be a wasteful use of public resources. We have a responsibility to keep the quality of education high and the cost affordable. We could do neither with two Purdue campuses in Lake County.

Two Purdue Calumet campuses also would undermine our efforts to promote diversity. We do not want to fuel attitudes and emotions that segment our region. Rather, we want to bridge and unite those attitudes and emotions. A feeder facility in south Lake County that complements a Hammond campus that is poised and positioning itself to advance to the next level of excellence can do that, we believe. So, two, degree-granting Purdue Calumet campuses are out of the question, and we have too much invested in Hammond to leave. Purdue Calumet is and will continue to be a Northwest Indiana campus based in Hammond. We're not going anywhere.

Sincerely,

Howard Cohen
Chancellor

Photography on campus grows with demand

TERRIE HENDERSON
Assistant News Editor

While PUC does not currently offer a major in photography, there are ways for students to learn and practice photography on campus.

An introductory photography class was added to the course listings this past summer, and the PUC photography club has been restarted. Also, a visual communication and graphic design option has been added to the department of communication and visual arts.

Thomas Roach, communication and creative arts professor, taught a trial photography class and independent study before the current class was introduced into the course listings. The class primarily focuses on digital photography.

"Digital photography is really becoming a functional replacement for traditional photography. That is why we are moving in this direction," Roach said.

Roach recommended students taking the class have a digital camera with two mega pixels and manual setting options.

"It is best to have a digital camera, although we will accommodate those who don't," Roach said.

Gary Millard, instructor of the class, presents photography to the students using PowerPoint.

"I've never seen anyone use PowerPoint like this guy uses

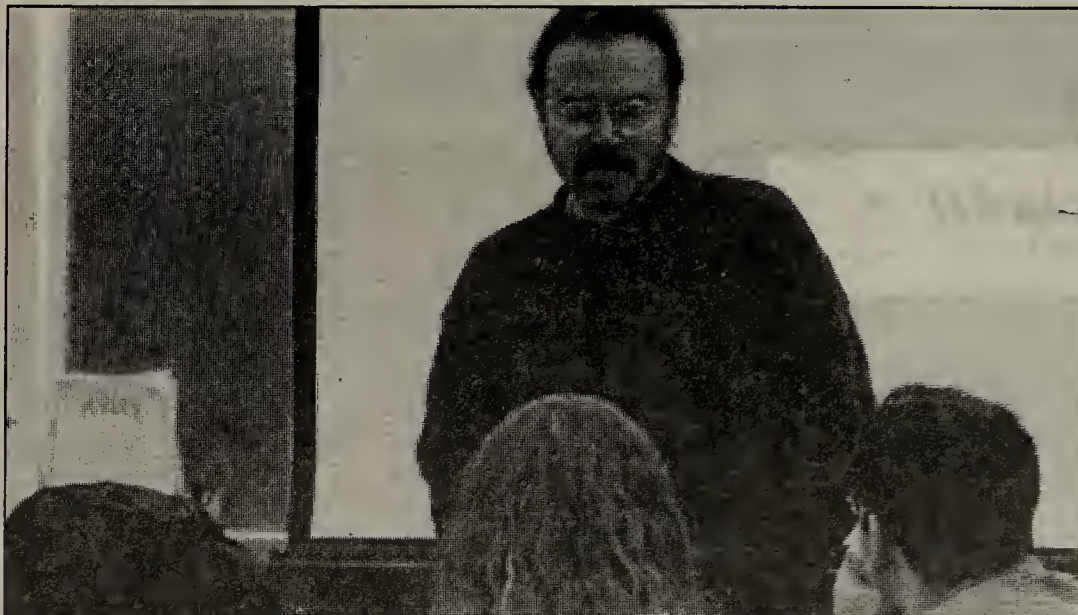


photo by Dave Thompson

Thomas Roach, professor of communication, discusses photography techniques during the introductory to photography course taught on Fridays.

PowerPoint. It was like watching fireworks," Roach said.

Roach, who teaches advanced public relations, requires his students submit a picture for a grade that has been printed or published somewhere outside of class.

Richard Ainsworth, communication and creative arts professor, commented on how the importance of understanding photography may help students, especially communication majors, later in their careers.

"If (a journalist) doesn't describe the images they want correctly (to the photographer) they won't get it. The columnist needs to know what to look for. There are some basics that don't change," Ainsworth said.

There currently is not a journalism degree offered at PUC, but according to Roach, in order to have a dedicated photojournalism class, there would need to be a journalism major offered.

"I'd like to see the journalism

major offered. There is a lot of interest and talent at this campus," Roach said.

According to Ainsworth, the A & D 222 photography class was the first art class filled to maximum capacity this semester.

"Finally we've got this (photography class), let's go for two. We've got beginner, let's go for intermediate," Ainsworth said.

Students interested in photography also have the option to become involved in PUC's pho-

tography club.

Kristin Harkin, president of the photography club and a senior majoring in public relations, said "The photography club is really helpful for beginners because it is a place to get advice and meet other people with similar interests."

Harkin became president of the photo club this semester and has been actively trying to reestablish their presence on campus. The photography club meets once a month and has one outing every month. There is a theme every month and each meeting consists of a picture critique and a photo contest.

"We learn through our experiences and the experiences of others," Harkin said.

Harkin also commented on the addition of the visual communication and graphic arts option.

"I think the visual communication degree is the first step to getting additional degrees in the arts, such as photography and theatre," Harkin said.

Harkin said the photography club members would have opportunities to display their pictures on campus at the end of the semester.

"We would like to have an artist's reception to display some of the photos that were taken throughout the year," Harkin said.

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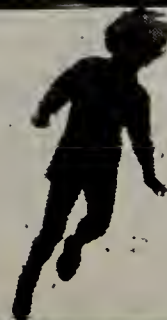
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NORTHWEST INDIANA OFFERS WINTER ACTIVITIES

Enjoy the winter,
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AMY PILARCZYK
Staff Writer

The weather outside is frightful, but that does not mean that you need to be cooped up in the house. Yes, winter in Northwest Indiana can be cold and snowy but there are still things to do for fun. Lemon Lake County Park in Crown Point, Oak Ridge Prairie in Griffith and Buckley Homestead County Park in Lowell all offer outside winter activities that will make you feel like a child again.

Sledding

Sledding is an easy thing to do since all you need is a hill and a sled. If you do not live near either one of these locations then just find the nearest hill.

Lake County Parks offer sledding hills at both Lemon Lake and Oak Ridge Prairie. The hills are open everyday and since there are no rentals you must bring your own plastic sled or tube. Wooden and metal runner sleds are not allowed. The sledding hills will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from now until March.

Cross Country Skiing

Since there are basically no big hills in Northwest Indiana local parks offer cross-country skiing for people to participate in. Both Lemon Lake and Oak Ridge

Prairie offer beginner and advanced trails. Trails run through the woods and across open land which brings an excellent sight seeing activity for whoever chooses to participate.

If a person does not have the proper equipment to ski, both parks offer rentals. The rentals include skis, poles and boots. Cost to ski is \$5 for two hours and \$1.50 for every additional hour. People who rent skis need to provide a driver's license or credit card, which will be returned when the equipment is turned in.

In case you do not know how to cross-country ski, Oak Ridge Prairie is offering free 15 minute lessons for beginners on Feb. 15 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors will fit the person with the right size poles, boots and skis and will also teach the basic skiing techniques.

Cross country skiing runs daily, if there are adequate snow amounts, until March 31 at Lemon Lake and until Feb. 28 at Oak Ridge Prairie.

Horse Drawn Bobsled Rides

Buckley Homestead in Lowell is offering horse drawn bobsled rides from now until the end of February every Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Rides last 25 minutes. Cost is \$2 per person and the bobsled holds 8 to 10 people. Since all these activities involve being outside make sure that you bundle up and bring extra clothing just in case your clothes get wet.

The only bad thing about all these activities is snow is needed to participate in them. Since the weather is very unpredictable, before you choose to go sledding, skiing or take the bobsled ride call Lake County Park

Department at 769-PARK or the actual park you plan on attending to see if the activities are up and running. If there is no snow then none of these activities will be available.

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Good, bad and ugly coffee on campus

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Students on campus typically do not get enough sleep. Early morning classes are a grind and the amount of homework that some of us receive keeps us awake until 2 a.m. and at times 3 a.m., and we are left with but a few paltry hours to rest.

Forgoing amphetamines, caffeinated soda and caffeine pills, there is but one choice for those of us who need to stay awake and make it through our days here on campus: coffee. But where on campus can one get a good cup of coffee for cheap (sorry Starbucks, but some are still trying to recover from paying ridiculous amounts of money for tuition and books)?

Strategically placed in each building are vending machines that dole out such caffeinated goodness as cappuccino, café mocha, and of course, coffee—Maxwell House coffee—that comes in regular, decaf, and even French vanilla and hazelnut flavors for those who actually drink the coffee for the taste. It is in these vending machines that we blue-collar, middle-class students place our faith for good coffee. Unfortunately, not all machines

dole out good coffee, or even mediocre coffee at that. So which vending machine consistently gives out the best coffee? Gather your change, friends (45 cents now, thank you crumbling economy) and follow me as I give you a tour of where to find the best coffee on campus. First, the places to avoid: Anderson lounge; CLO lounge (not the Grab 'n' Go); SFLC vending area.

Okay. The coffee from these places are typically discolored, giving you instead a coffee of tan colored mess that may as well be hot water with a hint of diarrhea. While the SFLC lounge gives the most coffee for your change and used to be good, somewhere along the line it decided to stop brewing a good cup of Joe and now vends garbage. Do not buy your coffee from these machines. Hot chocolate, yes; coffee, no.

This brings us to the lounge in the Powers building. Not unlike our professors, this machine has its good and bad days. Sometimes the coffee from this machine is really righteous and other times you want your money back. It's a gamble, whether you'll get good brew from this machine or not, but being in a casino region, we should enjoy these sorts of things.

And finally, the best coffee on campus comes to us

from the basement lounge of the Gyte building and the lounge in Porter. While both leave a good one-half to one-third of an inch of the cup lacking coffee, the coffee that is in the cup is consistently awesome and is strong enough for you to be able to see the future after a couple of cups. There really are not enough good things to say about the coffee from these machines. I'm willing to bet that if the Columbian coffee growers could get a cup of that stuff, they would weep with joy and congratulate whoever programmed that machine for their fine work.

Here it is, in print and in your hands—the end result of seven semesters (summer semesters included) drinking coffee here on campus: Porter and Gyte lounges are the places to go for good brew. Hopefully, someone will take this article to heart and try to fix this malady so we can brag that not only is this a great campus at which to learn, but we have good coffee all around as well. Three (sometimes four) of the machines on campus give out bad coffee, and that's unfortunate. If there is anyone on campus that would like to join me in conducting a survey or experiments to test this theory, let me know.

Just don't buy me coffee from Anderson.

The Chronicle seeks local bands' demos



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Have a demo tape or CD of your band? Send it to us! The Chronicle is looking to add local bands to its review section. This is a great opportunity to get the word out on your band.

Celebrate Valentine's Day on a budget

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Valentine's Day can really dig into some people's wallets. They feel as if they need to buy expensive jewelry or go to a nice restaurant. There are ways to have a nice day with your significant other without spending a lot of money. Here is a list of some things that will make Valentine's Day special and will help save money.

Make a CD

If you have a computer then you can most likely do this one. Take songs that your significant other loves and make a mixed CD. You can also make a CD with love songs or songs that remind you of that special someone.

Write a poem

You do not have to be Robert Frost to do this one. Just sit down and write how you feel. It does not have to rhyme and you do not need to be artistic to write a poem. Type the word poetry in any search engine and sites will show up with numerous poems you can give him or her.

Make Dinner

Pick a meal your loved one enjoys a lot. Make sure you decorate the table with candles to set the mood. Even if the meal does not come all right, they should still love the idea that you did. If you cannot make a complete dinner, then just make their favorite dessert. Cookies, cake or brownies are easy to make.

Rent a movie

Pick a movie you both love or a movie that you would not normally see. You can rent the movie you first saw together in the movie theater. Watching a movie also give the two of you a chance to cuddle.

Go to Chicago

You do not need to spend money to enjoy the scenery of Chicago. Michigan Avenue has many shops to look in and special winter gardens featuring lights and orb sculptors while Navy Pier offers indoor ice skating, among other things.

Sing a song

This one can only be done if you have some talent. If you know how to play the guitar, go find the lyrics to your

loved one's favorite song and learn how to play it. Even if you cannot sing very well the gesture should be welcomed.

Star gazing

Yeah, it will most likely be cold outside, but then you just get to cuddle closer under a blanket. Find a remote location and put out a blanket to gaze up at the sky. You can even look up star charts online to find constellations.

Clean

If you live together then be nice and clean up the house, or surprise them and clean out their car. They will never suspect that gesture, especially if it is something that you do not normally do. Since most people live busy lives this will be a great help.

Buy flowers

Instead of buying the typical dozen roses, ask what her favorite flower is. Buy one and write a little note. And girls, why not buy some flowers for your guy? They like receiving flowers too.

Make a card

Instead of buying a card from the store, buy some colored construction paper and make one. You can cut out little hearts or words from a magazine and write a message for your significant other.

These should give you some ideas for affordable Valentine's Day gifts. Just remember to have fun and no matter what gift you buy, it is the thought that counts. Sometimes the simplest gifts are the best.



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Movies such as 1987's *The Princess Bride* is just one of many movies to watch during Valentine's Day.

TOP TEN SONGS THAT SAY 'I LOVE YOU'

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Valentine's Day is February 14. And what a better way to say "I love you" than by spinning the love dial on the Chronicle's top ten love songs?

10. "I'll be There," Jackson 5 (1969) Before plastic surgery, Lisa Marie Presley and Bubbles the chimp, Michael Jackson was a cute 11-year-old boy, singing a cute love song about someone wanting to be there even though the other person has moved. I also favor the 1992 version of this song by Mariah Carey.

9. "How am I Suppose to Live Without You," Michael Bolton (1989) I'm probably breaking some unofficial code of musical taste by admitting I like Bolton. Even my parents don't understand why I've been a Bolton fan since junior high. But I seriously think that he puts a lot of power and emotion in his songs, such as this one from the album *Soul Provider*.

8. "To Where You Are," Josh Groban (2001) Named as one of best new artists of 2002 by both *People* and *Entertainment Weekly*, Groban is best known for his appearances on the FOX series "Ally McBeal" and at the closing ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympics. This emotional

song from his debut shows a whole lot of depth from this 21-year-old classical pop artist that will be around for years to come.

7. "It's all Coming Back to Me Now," Celine Dion (1996) Long before the heart-pounding, emotional song from "Titanic," there was this heart-pounding, emotional song of epic forces from the album *Falling into You*. Written by Jim Steinmain, who also wrote Meatloaf's "I



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Barry Manilow's hit, "Mandy" will make a person smile on Feb. 14.

Would Do Anything For Love (But I Won't Do That)," Dion gives a powerful and dramatic performance.

6. "I Got You, Babe," Sonny and Cher (1965) In real life, the marriage ended in 1974. Both went their separate ways, Sonny Bono became the mayor of Palm Springs and a Congressman until his death in 1998. Cher became a successful singer and actress who won the Oscar for best actress for "Moonstruck." But their love song is forever part of music history.

5. "Unchained Melody," The Righteous Brothers (1965) A song that originally came from the 1955 prison movie "Unchained," this haunting song gained new life in 1990 as the theme to the Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore drama, "Ghost."

4. "Mandy," Barry Manilow (1975) No one does sappy, sentimental love songs better than Mr. "I Write the Songs." True, he gets as much bashing as Bolton, but Manilow's songs are laughable at first. Still, towards the end, one ends up feeling real good and smiling.

3. "Endless Love," Lionel Riche and Diana Ross (1981) The title song, which features two powerful voices from the Motown label, makes one forget that this comes from a movie that features bad acting and the first appearance of Tom Cruise.



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Whitney Houston's rendition of "I Will Always Love You" is just one of many songs to cherish on Valentine's Day.

2. "I Will Always Love You," Whitney Houston (1992) During junior high everyone had to own the soundtrack. Like "Endless Love," I think the soundtrack, featuring this stand out song, is better than the movie.

1. "At Last," Etta James (1952) The ultimate love song that has a whole lot of power and passion covered in velvet and just keeps on going from the beginning to the end. Even other artists who have covered this song have done a wonderful job in conveying the same passion and power as Etta that makes you go "Wow."

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It's common for Ken Harrelson to open-up White Sox telecast on either WGN or Fox Sports Net by saying "we are coming to you from" wait hold it there, were Hawk? It's not Comiskey Park anymore. On January 31, U.S. Cellular became another wireless company to add their name to a sports venue, in addition to Qualcomm in San Diego, which just hosted Super Bowl XXXVII, SBC in San Antonio, among others.

The announcement of U.S. Cellular's name to what was the 12-year old Comiskey Park ended an era of a ballpark named for the Old Roman.

The name Comiskey has been attached to the White Sox for almost a century, going back to the days when the old ballpark on 35th and Shields opened in 1910.

In 1991, the White Sox relocated to the south end of 35th Street and to a 45,000 plus un-obstructive, open-air stadium. For the first four season in new Comiskey Park, the White Sox were drawing big crowds for all their home games. In the new ballpark's first season of 1991, it drew more than 2.9 million fans.

But once the strike of 1994 wiped out the season, attendance at the ballpark formerly known as Comiskey, took a big dive. Large size crowds gave way to a sea of blue, seats, especially in the high upperdeck in what could be known as the "Cubs Seats" considering it's only during the annual Cubs/White Sox series that those seats fill up.

Now the White Sox organization has \$68 million to play with, courtesy of U.S. Cellular, for next two plus decades.

All this money will go toward major renovations to the ballpark, which is slated for completion by the 2005 season.

But in 2003, U.S. Cellular Field, not Comiskey Park will be the host site of the Major League Baseball's All-Star Game.

For those faithful to the White Sox from Irish Pubs in Bridgeport to the next fan, they hope this ballpark becomes "The Cell," a place where pitching can lock down the opposing hitters.

TFC gears up for spring intramurals

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The start of February always brings intramurals, and new ones in addition. Over the next few months, the Total Fitness Center will hold eight intramural programs, from basketball to the newest addition, bowling. And it only takes membership at the TFC to enjoy the advantage of these activities.

As in past years, the basketball and volleyball intramurals will continue in the spring as they always have for 17 years. The five-on-five basketball began on Sunday with games to be played on Sunday afternoons.

On Tuesday, the TFC will debut a dodgeball intramural, which will run on that night throughout February and March. In deciding to make dodgeball an intramural, it was a decision of interest for everyone who wanted an alternative from the traditional intramurals.

"We are always trying to come-up with a number of different intramurals," TFC sports coordinator Matt Dudzik said. "Not everyone is interested in basketball and volleyball, the more intramurals the better."

Another newly added intramural will take place away from PUC. For the first time ever, the TFC will conduct a bowling intramural that starts on April 1. These matches will take place at Plaza Lanes in Highland.

For a second straight year, six-on-six co-

ed wiffleball will take place in the PER Building gym. This and volleyball, are the only two intramurals that require a mix of males and females. Wiffleball requires two females at least.

With all the spring intramurals, it's an increase from the fall when the TFC held flag football.

"You see a lot of different faces, there are a lot of people for different events. That's good for the fitness center," Dudzik said, who has served as sports coordinator since the fall of 2001.

"Matt has taken the intramurals to a whole other level. He also has great plans to advance the intramurals too," TFC coordinator John Bobalik said. "With more activities such as the intramurals, it has a tremendous effect on the fitness center. It brings more members in."

Besides the weekly intramurals, the TFC will hold some solo events. One event features another bench press challenge. In December, the TFC held this same challenge after only having a few weeks to put together. This event is slated for Wednesday but on March 12, the TFC will conduct a new weight challenge in the form of a bench/deadlift competition.

As the intramurals expand, it could mean student support in an effort to bring back intercollegiate teams to the PUC campus. Besides two basketball programs, there were Laker teams in volleyball and soccer at one time.

"These intramurals are a big stepping stone. It's a good chance to get people interested in hops of bring back intercollegiate teams," Dudzik said.

February Basketball Schedule

Lakers

2/12- @ St. Xavier, 7 p.m.
2/15- @ Olivet Nazarene, 3 p.m.
2/19- vs. Robert Morris, 7 p.m.

Lady Lakers

2/11- @ Robert Morris, 7:30 p.m.
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